

Island Station Neighborhood Development Association (NDA) – Wednesday, July 17th, 2014 Meeting

Attendance:

- **14 Neighbors**
 - Sandy Anderson-Keleher, Cid Blase, Jo Anne Bird, Charles Bird; Ellen Chaimov; Milo Denham; Pam Denham; Bill Hoelz, Gary Michael, Eric Miller; Karin Power; Paul Rasmussen, Carolyn Tomei, and Mary Weick
- **2 Guests**
 - Police Chief – Steve Bartol
 - Water Environment Services – Michael Read

Island Station Officer & City Committee Member List

This list is provided to assist Island Station neighbors to understand who they can contact within our neighborhood on certain City matters.

Officers: Karin Power, Chair; Cindy Miguel, Vice Chair/Treasurer; and Milo Denham, Secretary

City Committee Members:

- **Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee:** Charles Bird; and Karin Power
- **Land Use Committee:** Lisa Batey; Ellen Chaimov; and Pam Denham
- **Moving Forward Milwaukie:** Alicia Hamilton
- **Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC):** Meg Elston-Power

Prior Meeting Minutes

Carolyn Tomei moved to accept last month's minutes as presented to those attending, Mary Weick seconded. Last month's minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (provided by Karin Power)

Current Bank account balance: \$12,217.68

- Available balance: \$11,865.89
- Prior month's account balance \$13,217.68

Allocated Funds

- Emergency Preparedness: \$57.43 balance

Outstanding Checks

- \$294.36 – Alicia Hamilton – *for emergency preparedness supplies*

Checks Cleared

- \$5,000.00 to NCPRD – Paid in June

Income

- \$4,000.00 Annual grant from City – Received in June

Chair, Karin Power, noted that it was time to pay the Grange the annual rent for the monthly use for the ISNDA meetings. Cost is \$250 per year. Pam Denham moved that we continue to meet at the grange and pay the \$250 to allow us to do so, Jo Anne Bird seconded. Motion passed.

ISNDA Committee Membership

Karin Power, chair, handed out a report for the various committees that have ISNDA representation. It was noted that Meg Elston-Power, the ISNDA member on PSAC, was absent, but would no longer have a time conflict after next month.

Police Report

Steve Bartol, Police Chief

Neighbor Attacked and Beaten

Steve told the group about the neighbor who was attacked and beaten up at 7:30 PM on Thursday, June 26th.

After yelling to a driver to slow down, the driver stopped his car and got out to attack the neighbor. Another neighbor witnessing the attack shot a pistol into the ground to get the attacker to stop beating up the neighbor. Thus the police responded to a “shots fired” report, which is why news video shows them dressed as they were.

The driver fled the scene. But eye witnesses were able to identify the suspect as 26 year old Timothy Sullivan. A video of the attack is available on TV news websites.

Timothy Sullivan had been kicked out of a bar earlier that day. He was eventually found and arrested, and was subsequently released from jail. The DA will be taking Timothy Sullivan to trial, charging him with a level 4 assault.

The neighbor was sent to a hospital after the attack and was released within a day.

Elk Rock Island Park

With the advent of summer, neighbors are starting to report issues on Elk Rock Island.

Steve Bartol will meet with the Portland Park Ranges next Tuesday. The City of Portland Park Rangers are responsible for Elk Rock Island, which is owned by the City of Portland.

Steve noted that while he is short staffed at this time, with 5 vacancies (3 have been hired and are in training) and several on administrative leave, neighbors are encouraged to call the Police Non-Emergency number (503-786-7500) if they witness any unusual activity either in Spring Park or on Elk Rock Island. While he noted that calls regarding problems on Elk Rock Island are a low priority (the Portland Park Rangers have jurisdiction) the calls are logged and used to review needs and issues related to the parks.

Carolyn Tomei noted that years ago the Oregon Liquor Control (OLCC) and the Clackamas River Patrol used to occasionally patrol Elk Rock Island.

Steve will send the City of Milwaukie Police dispatch office an e-mail noting that they are to notify the police of reports of issues on Elk Rock Island, even though the island is not within the Milwaukie Police jurisdiction.

Speeding within Island Station Neighborhood

Steve Bartol commented that he wants to put up a “speed” measurement device on 19th Avenue, in an effort to determine the extent of the issue of people driving over the 15 MPH speed limit. Steve was concerned about where and how to mount the device, as it is rather expensive and he does not want it stolen. It was suggested that perhaps the device could be mounted on a power pole, and Steve commented that while that used to be an issue, apparently it was now OK to do so.

A neighbor offered to allow the police to put up a post on their property at 19th and Bobwhite, if that would help the police in their efforts.

Street Parking Issues

A neighbor noted that they had witnessed cars parking in the bike lane blocking access to the bike lane, at 21st and River Road. Steve told the group that they should call the police non-emergency phone number when this occurs.

North Clackamas Park and Recreation Department

Chair Karin Power reported that she recently had a discussion with Tonia Burns, of North Clackamas Parks and Recreation Department, regarding the upcoming restoration work at Spring Park.

Because of a delay in getting certain permits, the “in-stream work window” would not be met. So the project has been delayed for a year.

ISNDA Project Prioritization

Chair Karin Power noted that the ISNDA has about \$12,000 and wanted to lead discussions regarding what projects the group would find interesting. Within the agenda were a number of topics, under three headings:

1. Parks and Greenspaces
2. Safer Streets and Neighborhood Community Building
3. City and Business Engagement

The group voted to focus first on “Safer Streets and Neighborhood Community Building,” and then on “Parks and Greenspaces.”

Spring Park and Elk Rock Island

A neighbor noted that they were seeing a lot of garbage on Sparrow Street. They wondered if we could find a way to get another garbage can in Spring Park.

It was noted that at one time the City of Portland would put a Portland Park Ranger within Spring Park to encourage users to follow the rules.

The question was raised, “Can we get the City of Portland to send a Park Ranger to a future ISNDA meeting?”

The issue was raised of teenagers riding bikes in Spring Park, where it is not allowed. The suggestion was made that we ask for a “No Bicycles” sign to be installed next to the trail just a short way into the park.

Traffic Calming

Charles and Jo Anne Bird brought up the concept of “verkehrsberuhigung”—German word for traffic calming. It is founded on the idea that streets should help create and preserve a sense of place, that



their purpose is for people to walk, stroll, look, gaze, meet, play, shop and even work alongside cars – but not dominated by them. The way this is achieved is to force the cars to zig-zag down the street to slow them down, instead of allowing them to move straight down the street. This is obtained by placing obstacles such as large pots for plants on the side of the road, marking parking places alternatively on opposite sides of a narrow street, and painting stripes on the road—all designed to force cars to zig zag back and forth as they travel down a street.

There used to be a “Walk Safely” program in the City, which expired in 2013. There was a request to see if the City would reinstate the program.

There was a request that neighbors Charles Bird, Jo Anne Bird, Meg Elston-Power, and Milo Denham get together as a Traffic Calming sub-committee.

Public Restrooms in Parks

The issue of placing Porta Potty restrooms in Spring Park was brought up, in light of the summer season and increased visitations to the park. It was noted Air BnB had recently brought a bus load of volunteers to clean up Spring Park. It was felt that the City of Portland should pay the rental fee on the Porta Potty restrooms. Pam Denham told the group that Portland Mayor Tom Potter had a study conducted on the need for public restrooms in Portland. It was hoped that there might be some City of Portland ordinances regarding bathrooms in public areas, such as Elk Rock Island, that we can ask the City of Portland to follow. It was hoped that someone could eventually contact the City of Portland (Karin suggested contacting city employee Marissa Dorais).

Neighbors Pam Denham, Bill Hoelz, and Cid Blase were asked to get together as a “Public Restrooms in Parks” sub-committee.

Communication

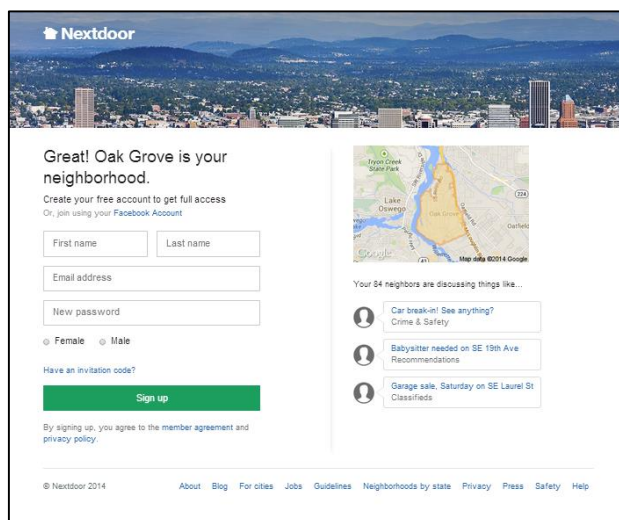
Karin brought up several ideas regarding how to improve communication within the neighborhood.

Ardenwald neighborhood has a website that could be used as a model. But someone commented that the person who updated it spent a lot of time doing so.

An alternative could be to use NextDoor.Com. Karin offered to set up the neighborhood website. It would have controlled access only for neighbors in the Island Station neighborhood. NextDoor.Com would have a cost to use it.

While we do have some neighbors who don’t have a computer, they have access to a computer at the Ledding Library.

Pam Denham, Cid Blase and Carolyn Tomei offered to go around the neighborhood and pass out information on how to access the communication system after it is set up.



Invasive Species

Jo Anne Bird brought up the issue of invasive species in the neighborhood. She had several brochures and pamphlets that she showed to the group. It was noted that Work Release teams and SOLV occasionally provide labor to help clear out invasive species.

The question was raised, “Who in the City is in charge of clean-up projects?”

30 Years of Elk Rock Island Paintings

Neighbor Gary Michael has been painting Elk Rock Island for over 30 years. A number of his paintings will be on display at In Bocca al Lupo Fine Art at 2025 SE Jefferson Street. The showing will open on August 1st, which coincides with August’s “First Friday” celebration in Milwaukie.

Handed Out At The Meeting

- Attendance Record
(For attendees to sign in, lists neighbors that are members of various City of Milwaukie committees)
- Agenda
- Draft of Last Month’s Meeting Minutes
- City Announcements

Meeting was Closed

Picnic (discussed after the close of the meeting)

September 6th was chosen as the date for this year's Island Station neighborhood picnic. It will be held in the South West corner of Kellogg Park (at the corner of Eagle Street and 19th Avenue).